

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

REMARKS

Restriction is required to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

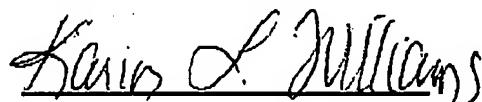
- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to synchronously transferring an amount of local data from a local storage medium to a remote storage medium, classified in Class 707, subclass 201.
- II. Claims 15-23, drawn to managing transfer of data from a source storage medium to a repository storage medium, classified in Class 707, subclass 9.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, applicants hereby elect the Group 1 claims, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits, i.e. claims 1-14, drawn to synchronously transferring an amount of local data from a local storage medium to a remote storage medium, classified in Class 707, subclass 201.

In response to the Notice of Non- Compliant Amendment, it is noted that applicant originally traversed the restriction requirement and, therefore, did not withdraw claims 15-23. In the interest of moving forward, applicant resubmits the response to restriction requirement originally mailed January 17, 2007, now withdrawing claims 15-23 without traverse.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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